

BOYS BREAK JAIL

F. C. Merritt and Wm. Lafton
Secure Freedom

REMOVE BRICK FROM WALL

Both Were in Jail for Short
Terms

Some time early Monday morning, F. C. Merritt and William Lafton, prisoners in the county jail, who were serving short terms for petty larceny, broke jail and succeeded in making their escape. A reward of \$25 has been offered for their capture, but at a late hour last night they were still at large.

Their escape was not discovered until yesterday morning, when Sheriff Schadt made a visit of the cells, but it is thought that they made their escape early in the morning, as a number of persons were awake at the jail until after midnight Sunday night. The two men were confined in adjoining cells on the third floor and performed their work as quietly that even the prisoners in the cells just below, claiming to have heard no unusual noise during the night. They state that they heard footsteps above several times but supposed it was the sheriff or turnkey.

The prisoners made their get-away from the north side of the jail, on which side their cells were located. A heavy wire was found near the window, with which it is supposed they picked the locks of their cells. After getting the freedom of the corridor they picked the mortar from between the brick under north the third window from the east, on Elm street and removed six bricks, leaving a space about seven inches wide and a foot long. It is a mystery how they squeezed their bodies through this small space. They then tied a rope to the window and slipped to the ground. The rope is a new one, and it is supposed that it was slipped in to them at some time by outsiders. They succeeded in getting away from the jail unobserved and the only clue as to the direction they took was given by a paper carrier yesterday morning, who said that he had seen two men, fitting the description, going north on the Santa Fe tracks, before daylight. "Telegrams have been sent to all points along the railroad and Sheriff Schadt sent a long day yesterday searching for them. A reward of \$25 has been offered for their capture and as they are without money and almost without clothing, it is thought they will turn up some place where they will be recognized by the authorities."

Both prisoners were in for a very short term, and it seems the height of folly for them to break jail when they would both have been free in a few days. Merritt had just five more days to serve and Lafton's sentence would have expired in fifteen days, but in breaking jail they have committed a penitentiary offense and if captured, and it is very likely they will be, they will have to suffer the penalty.

Both are young fellows and small. Merritt has dark hair and wears a red shirt and light trousers, while Lafton wears a blue shirt and blue trousers. Sheriff Schadt is confident they made their escape through outside assistance and is only more confirmed in his opinion that the jail windows should be covered with heavy screens. He has experienced considerable trouble in keeping friends of the prisoners away from the windows, both in daylight and after night, and several times has been forced to threaten them with arrest if they did not keep away. He says there is little doubt in his mind but what the rope and wire with which the escaped prisoners picked their cell locks were handed through the bars by friends of the prisoners. It is to avoid this that Mr. Schadt wished to have screens like those on the city jail, placed on the windows.

WILL MAKE GOOD TOWN.

Washita Has First Class Location on
Three Railroads.

Last week the town of Washita Junction, O. T., was formally opened with a great public sale of town lots and the town has now started on its upward trend. This town is located on the banks of the Washita river in southwestern Oklahoma and at the present time has three railroads building through it—the Choctaw, the Frisco and the Orient, with a good prospect of a branch of the Santa Fe striking the town.

A syndicate saw the possibilities of a large town at the crossing of these three roads and started the town. They have succeeded beyond expectations. In two days \$25,000 changed hands for town lots and there were a number of Wichita wholesale houses represented who purchased property on which they will build branch houses to better handle their business in the territory.

The townsite company refused to sell lots before the big sale except the purchaser agreed to erect either a brick or stone building on the lots. When the sale opened there were sixty-five brick and stone houses finished or in course of construction and twenty more had material on the ground. In the sale the lots sold for from \$25 to \$300 each.

In contemplation at present there are three banks, two cotton gins, three wholesale houses, one mill, a stone plant employing twenty-five men and an ice and electric light plant. All of these industries are in operation or the buildings are being constructed for them.

The Frisco runs along the east edge of the townsite, the Choctaw forms the northern boundary and the Orient touches the west side. The Washita river touches the eastern edge of the townsite and a strip of ten acres along the river has been reserved for a park and it is now one of the finest natural parks in the southwest.

Washita is 1800 miles from Wichita and should make a rattling good town.

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Grain Men, Millers and Farmers Will Meet Friday.

ABOUT FREIGHT RATES.

The meeting of grain dealers, millers and farmers to be held here next Friday is going to be one of the most important meetings held in southern Kansas in a long time.

The matter of freight rates will be discussed in all its bearings.

There will be some papers read that will be eye-opening to the farmers of southern and central Kansas.

Grain men and millers are at work all over the territory included in the call to interest leading farmers in the objects of the meeting and they are having success. They are showing the farmers that they are footing the bill for these unjust freight rates charged for hauling grain from southern and central Kansas to the seaboard.

The secretary appointed by the meeting of grain dealers and millers held in this city on the 20th of last May has issued the following circular, which has been sent to all the grain dealers and millers:

"To the Grain Dealers, Millers and Grain Producers of Southern and Central Kansas:

"Gentlemen: At a meeting of the grain dealers and millers of central and southern Kansas held in Wichita May 20, I, secretary of the Kansas Grain Dealers' association, was instructed, by a unanimous vote of those in attendance, to call a convention, extending an invitation to all the grain dealers, millers and producers of central Kansas to be in attendance at a meeting held in Wichita, Kan., June 12, for the purpose of discussing the question of freight rates."

"We consider this a question of vital importance to every grain dealer, miller and producer in this territory and trust that you will allow nothing to prevent your being in attendance. We will expect from every individual or concern receiving a copy of this notice, that you use your best endeavors to have in attendance the producers of your territory and that you talk this matter over with your former friends, endeavoring to convince them of the importance of this move, and advise David Heenan, Wichita, number that will be in attendance at this meeting from your station. Our purpose in making this request is that proper accommodations may be made for those in attendance."

"E. J. SMILEY, Secretary."

The grain dealers made a wise move when they advised the combination of grain men and millers, and now that the farmers have taken a nod to take a hand the combination will be strong enough to cause blood to appear on the moon if some of their just demands are not heeded. It is understood that the organization intends to go into court if their demands are not heeded and that a move will be made to elect members to the next Kansas legislature pledged to stand by the grainmen, millers and farmers to secure legislation in their interest. The meeting here on the 12th day of June is expected to start the ball rolling. The local grain dealers and millers expect a good attendance at the meeting and that good results will follow.

FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS.

King's Daughters and Police Matron Gather Money and Clothing.

The King's Daughters and Mrs. Shields, police matron, yesterday shipped eleven boxes of clothing to Topeka for the relief of the Kansas flood sufferers. The King's Daughters and the police matron have been doing some hard work the past few days collecting clothing and money to be sent to the state fund for relief of the people who were left without home or clothing by the water. The following sums were collected by the ladies for relief work, besides the clothing and furniture:

C. W. Brown \$10.00

Wm. Staker 5.00

Mrs. S. A. Porter 5.00

Mrs. Geo. McCoy 1.00

Other collections50

Mr. N. E. Cooper, of Millerton, sent \$2.50 in cash and three boxes of clothing, which was given in the town of Millerton, southwest of Wichita.

The Wichita Musical club's subscription of \$5 was omitted Sunday.

STREET CAR MEN

Will Cross Bats Today at Eighteenth Street.

Now put on the trolley and turn on the full electric current. Wichita will witness a ball game at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow that will be a wonder to behold. The motemen and conductors of the electric railroad will cross bats on the field at Eighteenth street.

The boys have bragged and bluffed about the game until they are terribly in earnest. It is to be hoped that no fatal results will follow, but the defeated party will probably be in condition to be carried home on a stretcher. Last night bats were taken of 5 to 2 on the motemen, but it was claimed that the conductors have three crack players in their team.

Charles Hall filed a complaint in the city court yesterday in which he charges J. M. Crouch with threatening to take Hall's life.

ROBBED IN DAYLIGHT

Residence of W. D. Crawford
Looted Saturday

ROBBERS TOOK JEWELRY

Men are Captured and are in
County Jail

Last Saturday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock the residence of W. D. Crawford, who lives about seven miles south of the city, was broken into and robbed of \$80 worth of jewelry, and two men, giving their names as Joseph Smith and George Scott, are lodged in the county jail charged with the crime.

The robbery was committed Saturday, in broad daylight, while Mr. Crawford was at the home of a neighbor. No one saw the two men near the house, and Mr. Crawford did not know his residence had been looted until he discovered the open window through which the burglars had entered. He immediately made a search of the house and found that three watches, a chain, a pair of ear rings and a brooch were missing. Not satisfied with jewelry alone, the burglars had visited the latter and helped themselves there. After discovering that he had been robbed of about \$80 worth of valuables, Mr. Crawford hurried to Mulvane and notified the officers, who telephoned to all points near at hand warning the officers to keep a lookout for two suspicious-looking characters. This proved to be unnecessary, for before morning the Mulvane marshal captured the two men near that city. When searched all the valuables taken from Mr. Crawford's residence were found secreted in their clothing. They refused to give their names at Mulvane, but after being brought to this city Sunday and lodged behind the bars of the county jail by Sheriff Schadt, their tongues loosed up a little and they gave the names of Joseph Smith and George Scott.

These two men are strangers to Mulvane, and are new ones in Wichita, and it is a mystery to people living in the Crawford neighborhood how they could come, rob the house and leave without being seen by anyone. However, their work shows the hand of professionals, and they are supposed to have come in from the south. The time for their hearing has not been set.

AN EXTRA SESSION.

Senator Tapp Receives Call From
Cubson.

Senator Tapp received the following telegram yesterday from T. B. Gilbert, of Kansas City, Kansas, which would indicate that a special session of the legislature will be called in order to adopt measures for the relief of the thousands of flood sufferers over the state:

"Kansas City, Kan., June 7, 1903.

J. W. Tapp, Wichita, Kan.:

Please wire Governor Bailey your willingness to attend a short session of the legislature without pay to adopt legislation made necessary by flood. Have house members wire same."

"J. W. TAPP, Chairman."

"J. CUBSON, Chairman."

When sent yesterday Senator Tapp announced his willingness to go and said he had given notice to the members of the house from this district. The notice came as a surprise to Mr. Tapp and he has not yet learned whether or not the session will be held.

ON THURSDAY EVENING.

Wichita Hive Ladies of the Maccabees Will Give Social.

The ladies of the Maccabees will give a social on Thursday evening, at the Knights of Maccabees hall on North Main street. The entertainment is for the benefit of the ladies' lodge, to assist in the purchase of badges, etc., and will consist of a short but interesting program, and ice cream and cake will be served. The degree team of the Sir Knights will put on a tableaux, using the new regalia and paraphernalia. A very pleasant evening is assured and the Sir Knights and their ladies are invited and asked to bring all their friends.

PETITIONS FOR DIVORCE.

Effie Blake Makes Application in District Court.

Mrs. Effie Blake made application in the district court yesterday for divorce from Charles Blake, to whom she states she was married March 26, 1902. In her petition she charges him with neglect of duty and extreme cruelty. She alleges that he has failed to support her and she has been forced to do washing to support herself; that he has repeatedly cursed and struck her. She states that the defendant has \$40 in the bank, owns property in the city and is capable of supporting her. She asks that a restraining order be granted by the court to prevent the defendant from selling the property, that she be given a permanent alimony of \$20, an alimony of \$5 per week, attorney fees and an absolute divorce.

Mrs. Geo. E. Monroe, of 209 Indiana avenue, was operated on for appendicitis yesterday at the Wichita hospital. She is improving nicely.

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